

# NO ARRIVALS HERE TODAY

The Storm Kept Gill Netters  
In-Off-Shores Are  
Still Shy.

Not an arrival of any description was recorded at this port up to noon today. The heavy storm kept the gill netters and market boats inside. This morning, a large number of them got underway again for a day's fishing.

**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**  
The arrivals and receipts in detail are:  
No arrivals today.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Teazer, halibuting.  
Sch. Georgia, halibuting.  
Sch. Sylvania, haddocking.  
Sch. Avalon, haddocking.  
Sch. Jorgina, Boston.  
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, Boston.

## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

### Salt Fish

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.75; snappers, \$3.50.  
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$5.00; medium, \$4.50.  
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5.00; mediums, \$4.50.  
Cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums \$2.00; snappers, \$1.50.  
Haddock, \$2.00.  
Hake, \$2.00.  
Pollock, \$2.00.

### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:  
Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.  
Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2.00; snappers, 75c.  
Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.25; snappers, 75c.  
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.  
Hake, \$1.15.  
Cusk, large, \$2.00; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 50c.  
Dressed pollock, 90c; round, 80c.

Newfoundland bulk salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.  
Newfoundland pickled herring, \$4.50 per bbl.  
Newfoundland frozen herring, 1-2c per lb.  
Fresh halibut, 18c per lb for white and 14c for gray.

## PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

### Arrivals.

U. S. Revenue Cutter Gresham, cruising.

### Salt Fish Market.

Considering the season, there is a very fair demand, and prices are well maintained. The Fishing Gazette reports: The market has lacked features of interest during the week.

### Will Discharge at Boston.

Sch. Avalon will go to Boston to discharge her cargo of frozen herrings.

# HALIBUT SELLS AT 37 CTS. LB.

With Only Three Crafts In,  
Haddock and Cod  
Are Scarce.

Boston fresh fish receipts were light this morning, one steam trawler and two shore crafts supplying what new fish there was in the market.

Steamer Crest brought in a 30,000 pound fare, while the W. M. Goodspeed and Jorgina had 4500 and 6800 pounds each.

Opening wholesale prices were \$5.25 to \$8 per hundred weight for haddock, \$4.75 to \$6 for large and \$2.75 to \$3.50 for market cod, \$4 to \$7 for hake, \$3.25 to \$4 for pollock and \$3 for cusk. A small amount of fresh halibut sold at 37 cents a pound right through.

## Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Crest, 30,000 haddock, 750 cod.  
Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 2200 haddock, 800 cod, 1500 pollock.

Sch Jorgina, 3500 haddock, 800 cod, 2500 hake.

Haddock, \$5.25 to \$8 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.75 to \$6; market cod, \$2.75 to \$3.50; hake, \$4 to \$7; pollock, \$3.25 to \$4; halibut, 37 cents for white and gray.

## Dr. Field Tells of Fish Bills.

Dr. Field has just returned from the annual meeting of the National Association of Shell Fish Commissioners at Washington, D. C. He was re-elected a member of the executive council of the association. The association went on record as pledged to support the bureau of fisheries. The object of the association is to devise methods to let the land under water produce better crops. As regards the land under water off the coast of Massachusetts, Dr. Field states that its present annual yield per acre is shell fish to the value of about \$17. Properly cultivated this land could yield from \$200 to \$800 per acre. This acreage extends from the high water mark to the line marking a depth of 50 or 60 feet.

While in Washington Dr. Fields learned of two bills which are to come before Congress shortly and both of which provide for the protection and propagation of migratory fish, much after the manner in which the migratory birds have been placed under federal care and protection as a result of the Weeks-McLean bill. Both bills are drawn up by Congressman Linthicum of Maryland. One provides that the highly prized food fish such as herring, alewives, shad, bluefish, sea bass, mackerel and lobsters shall not be used for fertilizing purposes, and enumerates menhaden, sharks, dogfish, skates, rays, sea robins and sculpins as the only fish that may be used for fertilizer.

# SEEK HALIBUT SPAWNING BEDS

Says the Canadian Fisherman:

Detailed information has been received at the Dominion Fisheries office regarding the fisheries survey of this coast that the Minister, the Hon. J. D. Haxen, has promised for next summer. The investigation will be thorough and detailed, following the lines recommended by Mr. Cunningham and Mr. D. N. McIntyre, the deputy commissioner of fisheries for the provincial government, on the occasion of the Minister's visit to the coast last summer.

Perhaps chief among the points to be investigated is the question of the location and areas of the spawning grounds of the halibut. In fact, the halibut will form the chief subject of investigation. The spawning period, the resorts of the young halibut, or halibut "nurseries," will also be investigated, while the inshore migration of large halibut will be a subject of the feeding areas and the nature of the food, while the methods of capture and the handling of the halibut will also receive attention. The study of the halibut scale in connection with its life history will be continued.

# PACIFIC FISHERS HAVE UNION HOME

Work is well under way on the \$57,000 building in San Francisco to be owned jointly by the Alaska Fishermen's Union and the Sailors' Union of the Pacific Coast. The new home has been under consideration for years and at last the hopes of the sailors and fishermen for a building of their own is to be realized.

## Another Newfoundland Banker.

The first new vessel for the season of 1914 was successfully launched from the Joseph McGill shipyard at Shelburne, N. S., Friday. She is a fishing schooner of 101 tons register, and was built under contract for Captain Thomas Shave of Burin, N. F. She was named Cecil L. Shave, and her principal dimensions are: Length over all, 108 feet; breadth of beam, 23 feet, 3 inches; depth of hold, 9 feet 9 inches. She is a fine looking, able craft, and in material and finish she is fully up to the high standard maintained by this well known firm of builders; and she will be a noteworthy addition to Burin's rapidly growing fleet.

Work has begun in the shipyard on a fishing schooner of 100 tons, for Captain Joseph E. Conrad and others of LaHave. She will be launched in April.

## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Commonwealth and Manhasett were at Liverpool, N. S., and cleared a week ago yesterday.

Schs. Alice, Pontiac and Benj. A. Smith were at Liverpool Saturday and cleared.

## After P. E. I. Oysters.

The Canadian Department of Commerce reports that United States fishing companies, many of them Gloucester fishermen, are establishing branches in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, while Connecticut oyster men are invading Prince Edward Island the home of the Malpeque oyster, which Canadians, and many Americans consider the finest oyster found on the Atlantic seaboard. This brings higher prices in Canada than the American oyster.—Fishing Gazette.

## Spoke Four Master Before Gale.

Capt. Jeffrey Thomas of sch. Sylvania, which arrived from a haddock trip last week, reports that on Monday, January 12, the day before the blow, a four masted schooner, the name of which he had forgotten, lumber laden, from a southern port and bound east, spoke them and inquired how Highland Light bore. He informed her captain as near as he could tell. Capt. Thomas was making inquiry yesterday if any vessel of that description was missing.

## Fitting a Pacific Trawler.

The Western Fish Company of San Francisco is taking the old steam plant out of its fishing trawler Blanco. The Blanco is 64 feet long, 16-foot beam, and the new engine which will be installed to take the place of the steam plant, will be 110 horsepower. The trawling gear will be connected up to the main engine, and arranged to handle about five tons on gypsies. It will be connected to the after end of the cabin.

## Quick Passage.

Sch. Mayola, Captain Wentzell, Lunenburg, N. S., recently made the passage from Lunenburg to Porto Rico in 9 days. This record has never been made for some time.

## Eglantine Lost -Crew All Saved.

The auxiliary sch. Eglantine, owned by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company of this port, and engaged in the fresh haddock fishery is ashore at Spry Bay, near Liscomb, Nova Scotia and it is feared will be a total loss, according to a message received by the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company yesterday afternoon.

Outside of the bare facts of the craft being ashore, particulars are lacking. The skipper, Capt. Conrad and crew of 18 men, were saved. Further information is expected from the skipper today.

The Eglantine was fitted with motor power last spring and engaged in mackerel seining under command of Capt. George G. Hamor. The Eglantine was built at Essex in 1902 and was owned by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. She measured 99.02 tons gross and 67.47 tons net. The craft was valued at about \$10,000 on vessel and outfits and is covered by insurance.



# BAY OF ISLANDS ICE LOCKS THREE

## Big Floes Sweep Down Across the Gulf and Herring Laden Crafts Caught Be- fore They Can Reach Clear Water.

According to a Curling, N. F., despatch, dated last evening, three fishing crafts, loaded with herring, bound this way, are frozen in at Bay of Islands, N. F., by ice floes from the Gulf of St. Lawrence and it is feared they will not be able to work free again until spring.

The crafts are schs. Georgie Campbell of this port, Hiram Lowell of Bucksport and the British sch. Francis Willard under charter to T. M. Nicholson of Bucksport, owner of the Lowell.

The news is not wholly unexpected, for heavy ice has been making down the gulf for the past few days, according to advices received here yesterday.

The last time the vessels were caught on the Newfoundland coast was in 1912, although most of them succeeded in later getting to sea after forcing their way through the ice floes. The revenue cutters Gresham and Androscoggin were despatched to the scene, arriving there in record time as the crafts were getting underway.

According to advices received here, sch. Senator Gardner, Capt. Al Evans, had a narrow escape from being frozen in, while on her way home. The Gardner put in at Port Hawkesbury, C. B., where during the night heavy sheet ice froze about the craft, for several hundred yards. The Canadian cutter Stanley arrived on the scene and succeeded in breaking her out and towed her through the straits to clear water.

## ONE OFF-SHORE ARRIVAL TO NOON

### Gill Netters Were Driven Back to Port Yesterday— Fresh Fish Very Scarce.

One off shore arrival was all that the morning brought forth, sch. Ingomar arriving from a haddocking trip with 40,000 pounds of mixed fish. The gill netters were unable to lift yesterday, those who ventured out, putting back on account of the heavy weather. All started out again this morning to get their gear.

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Sch. Ingomar, LeHave Bank, 40,000 lbs fresh fish.  
Sch. Jorgina, via Boston.  
Sch. Arkona, via Boston.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Conqueror, haddocking.  
Sch. Priscilla Smith, haddocking.  
Sch. Juno, haddocking.  
Sch. Esther Gray, haddocking.  
Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.  
Sch. Russell, haddocking.  
Str. Jeanette, haddocking.  
Sch. Manomet, haddocking.  
Sch. Adeline, haddocking.  
Sch. Harriett, haddocking.  
Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.  
Sch. Leonora Silveria, haddocking.  
Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.  
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, haddocking.  
Sch. Stranger, haddocking.

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## GOT MACKEREL ON GEORGES

Steamer Spray, one of the trawlers at T wharf, Boston, pulled up a large mackerel on trawl on Georges, Monday. The men weighed two and one-half pounds and was served for dinner the crew.

#### Old Retail Fulton Market Condems

Fish dealers who for nearly a century have been occupants of Fulton Market, N. Y., owned by the city, are vacating the premises because of its unsanitary condition, and because either food supplies are not suitable, as the Board of Health has condemned the property. Walter Smith, Inc., the green turtle and rapin specialist, John J. Hanshaw, Elsworth Sprague, Howell, Blackman and a few small dealers still remain. How long they will do so is problematical.

Various reports are being continually as to the possible future of the market. Stories have been circulated that the structure will be demolished in a year or so; at all events the consensus of opinion is that the city of New York will not spend more money on the building. Three years ago, there was a plan for the structure, and temporary repairs were made. Since then the work has been rotting, the roof has been broken and everywhere the appearance of general decay. The board of aldermen appropriated money for necessary improvements, but the board of estimate withheld approval, as the market nets the city a heavy loss each year.

Stand holders believe that it will pay the city to make repairs and that dealers who gave up their stands located in nearby buildings and are doing a good business, which creates a demand for a market in that location.

#### Power of the Whale.

If the whale knew its own power it could easily destroy all the machinery which the art of man contrives for catching him. It would be necessary for him to swim on the surface in a straight line, and break the thickest rope, but instead on being struck by the harpoon obeys a natural instinct, which, for instance, betrays him to his death. Not having an air bladder, he can go to the lowest depth of the ocean, mistaking the harpoon for the hilt of a swordfish or a shark, he instead descends, this being the manner of freeing himself from these enemies who cannot bear the pressure of the deep ocean, and from descending ascending in small space he thus kills himself in the power of the whale.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

British sch. Metapedia from Halifax, N. F., with 1275 barrels herring arrived at Halifax, Monday. Sch. Catherine C. Burke sailed for Canso for the fishing ground, Monday.  
Sch. Senator Gardner was at Port Hawkesbury, Monday.  
British sch. Ada D. Bishop arrived at Halifax from Burin, N. F., with 1020 barrels herring.

#### Portland Fishing News.

The schooner Lochinvar brought in the largest fare of fish Tuesday with 16,000 pounds in her holds taken out at the Henry Sargent Co. establishment. There were 10 arrivals in all the others being the Edmund H. Black with 8000, the Albert D. Willard with 10,000, and the Katie L. Palmer with 4000 unloading at Willard's, the sloops Pontiac and Parkhurst unloading at J. W. Trefethen Co.'s, the schs. Lochinvar, Dorcas with 4000, and Martha McLean with 4000 and the sloop Minerva with 1500 going to the Sargent company.

The schooner Topsail Girl prominent in the local fishing circles, has put in at Rockland with a fare of 10,000 pounds of fish.

#### Thinks There Was a Misunderstanding.

We believe there must have been a misunderstanding somewhere in the case of the Gloucester sch. Esperanto, which was recently ordered out of Shelburne Harbor by the Canadian patrol cruiser Petrel, says the Fishing Gazette editorially. Capt. Quinlan, the Gloucester skipper, claims that he had been anchored only 11 hours, while the Hague decision permits American vessels to lay up for 48 hours without reporting to the custom house. Either the captain of the Petrel was not familiar with the laws he is supposed to enforce, or the whole story has not been told.

#### Porto Rico Fish Market.

Although supplies still come in very scantily and market is therefore but lightly stocked of superior fish, dealers continue to show very little interest in fishstuffs, buying just to cover their most immediate needs.

We quote our local market for superior quality as follows: Medium codfish, \$30; pollock and haddock, \$22; and while we understand Ponce had been selling above our market, today's advices are less favorable, showing again a decline to our level.

Now that the holiday season is over and grinding will soon be in full swing on all sugar estates, we look forward for an improved demand and more satisfactory prices.—Reported by S. Ramirez & Co., January 6.

#### The Salt Mackerel Market.

Says the Fishing Gazette: Domestic mackerel is said to be pretty well cleaned out of first hands. The demand just now is limited, and quotations are repeated.

Norway mackerel is in fair demand, while Irish is neglected. No supplies are available from Norway, and orders have to be filled entirely from stocks here. It is possible to buy No. 3's at a little less than last week's figures.

Liverpool, Jan. 3.—Shipments this week were, to Boston, 202 bbls. to New York, 44 bbls.

Liverpool, Jan. 10.—Fishing fair to good. Shipments this week were, to Boston, 446 bbls. to all other ports, 623 bbls. Count of shipments, 300-350 to a packed barrel.

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